

BIG SANDY NEWS.

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AGAINST IT

Argument Opposing Adoption of Constitutional Amendment.

Having heretofore published an article advocating the constitutional amendment to be voted on by the people of Kentucky at this election, we now give an argument against it, by a convincing lawyer.

"Prior to the adoption of the present Constitution of Kentucky, it was the practice of the corporations and the other merged institutions of the State to obtain from the State Legislature or from the county or municipal authorities complete or partial exemption from taxation.

"The banks of the State, which at the time of adoption of the constitution, had capital stock amounting to many millions of dollars had secured legislation by which they paid but 75 cents on each \$100 share of their capital stock in lieu of all taxation—State, county and municipal. Most of the steam railroads, street railways, ferries, bridges, gas companies, water companies, telephone and telegraph companies, electric light and power companies of the State were enjoying entire or partial immunity from municipal and other local taxation, obtained by methods more or less questionable.

"The framers of the constitution, realizing the injustice of the conditions thus existing, provided in Section 170 of that instrument that certain property used for charitable, educational and religious purposes should be exempt from taxation, and that all other property should pay taxes, and that all laws exempting or commencing property from taxation other than the property mentioned in said section 'shall be void,' and provided in Section 174 that 'all property, whether owned by natural persons or corporations, shall be taxed in proportion to its value, unless exempt by this constitution, and all corporate property shall pay the same rate of taxation paid by individual property,' and in Section 171, that taxes 'shall be uniform upon all property subject to taxation within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax.'

"Following the adoption of the constitution came the efforts of the banks of the State to establish the position that, under the Hewitt act, they had an irrevocable contract with the State to tax them only 75 cents upon each \$100 share of their stock in lieu of all other taxes, and the final decision of the court of Appeals of this State, affirmed by the Supreme court of the United States, that the banks had no such contract as to taxation, and that they must pay taxes to the State and to the county and municipality just as an ordinary citizen.

"The court of Appeals also decided in numerous cases that neither the General Assembly nor the authorities of any county or municipality had the power to exempt property from taxation not exempted by the constitution. The corporations then, in the exercise of their usual ingenuity and persistence and spurred on by their unflinching determination to pay taxes, sought to have local authorities substitute a license tax for the ad valorem tax. The court of Appeals, while conceding the right of the local authorities to impose a license tax, held that such tax could not be in lieu of the valuation tax.

"The amendment to the constitution which is to be submitted to the people at the coming November election for their approval, confers upon the General Assembly the power to pass general laws authorizing the cities and towns of the State to substitute an income license or franchise tax, for the ad valorem tax upon personal property. It is exclusively in the interest of the corporations and accumulated wealth. It nullifies and sets aside the uniformity of taxation so carefully established by the farmers of the constitution.

"If the amendment should meet with the approval of the people, it will re-establish the tax-dodger in his old business of corrupting municipal authorities in order that the poor may be made to pay the taxes of the rich. The authorities of the municipality can, for instance, provide by ordinance, that a license tax of say \$100 per year be imposed upon those doing business as bankers, and that this tax is to take the place of the ad valorem tax on the personal property of the banks. Thus the municipalities will have the taxes upon the millions of dollars constituting the capital stock and surplus of the banks. This would be tantamount to increasing the tax rate of the small home of the citizen. The personal property of all corporations and businesses may in this manner be granted immunity from taxation.

"After 12 years of litigation, after the courts have finally determined that the banks must pay the taxes upon their property as that of the owners of property, the people are asked to open up the question and relieve the banks and the merged institutions of the State from the payment of their part of the necessary expenses of the administration of the government.

"All lovers of good government and fair taxation should vote against this proposed amendment."

WALKER C. HALL,
Oct. 23, 1903, Covington, Ky.

Danger to Fall Colds.

Fall colds are liable to have on all winter long the seeds of pneumonia, bronchitis or consumption. Foley's Honey and Tar cures quickly and prevents serious results. It is old and reliable, tried and tested, safe and sure. Contains no opium and will not constipate. Sold by Lewis Drug Co., J. D. Biggs Mgr.

Political

In 1883 Mr. Belknap probably had no idea that he would ever be asking of the mountain people the same favor that he was then refusing to grant them in the most obnoxious manner. He evidently thought Mr. Blugrass darkey better than George Cecil, for Mr. Belknap professes to be a gentleman of such a high standard that he always(?) does what he believes to be right; and he is the man who is going to "make Kentucky fit for our sons and daughters to live in."

The mountain white man who votes for Mr. Belknap is hardly as loyal to his home as he should be. The records of Jefferson county show what Mr. B. thinks of us.

"The writer of this column declares positively that he would never vote for Mr. Belknap did he in 1883, no matter what the political arrangement or conditions might be, and therefore feels that he is in position to pass criticism on that important act. This is a white man's country and it must be ruled by that race."

Gov. Beckham is one of the most remarkable young men in the whole country. His success has been phenomenal. Those who feared he would make blunders because of his youth have been most agreeably surprised by the wise manner in which he has conducted the business of the highest office in the State. Considering the unfavorable conditions with which he has had to contend, it is safe to say that his administration has accomplished more good for the State than any that ever preceded it. Through his successful efforts the State has been paid out of debt and is now one of the four or five in the Union that enjoys that distinction. Capital has been encouraged to come into the State by the enactment of favorable laws, and the investment made has been larger than ever before in the same length of time. It has been a business administration and everything is humming throughout the State. Even Mr. Belknap has endorsed the prevailing conditions by increasing the capital stock of his wholesale house from \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000. Almost every prominent business man who has been voting "off" for a few years is in line for Beckham and the rest of the ticket this year. Only a few sore political renegades are remaining on the other side of the fence and some of them are on the ticket with Mr. Belknap.

Judge S. Wilbur Hager, of Magoffin and Boyd counties, Democratic nominee for State Auditor, is a mountain man of whom we are all proud. There is not a gentleman in the State who enjoys a higher standing today. As State Treasurer he has made an excellent official. The mountains should make a special showing for him.

If you are really and earnestly opposed to assassination and want to put a stop to it, your vote for Beckham is the only way to accomplish anything in this direction. The present administration has used every effort to put an end to this awful practice, regardless of politics. Curtis Jett and Tom White, two Democrats who were accused of assassinating James Marcum a Republican leader, because of a political fight, are under sentence of death to hang in November, and Gov. Beckham has declared publicly that he will not pardon them. Mr. Belknap refuses to say what he will do in the matter of pardoning Gov. Jett's assassins. In case he should be elected, and other utterances of his have convinced the people that he means to pardon them, Gov. Beckham used all the power given him by the constitution in catching and convicting Marcum's assassins, although in so doing he loses the Hager support in Breathitt county, which means several hundred votes. He has not considered politics nor

votes in the matter, we are glad to say; but has acted solely in the interest of justice and the good name of the State. He deserves the vote of every citizen who desires to stop that cowardly killing practice.

Caleb Powers has set a trap for innocent voters in the "speech" now being sold under pretense of being the one delivered by him in his last trial. It contains about twice as many words as he spoke to the jury and all the new matter is political stuff that could not have been delivered in any court. It is good reading only for those who endorse him and the dastardly crime in which he was one of the chief conspirators.

Every voter of this Representative district should vote for a home man. Tommy Sheridan, the Democratic candidate, is a resident of our county, and a young man who has never asked any party for an office. If elected, the working men of this district will have a friend in the Legislature of Kentucky, who can always be depended on to uphold their cause.—Boyd County Democrat.

Ed. Parker, a Republican leader of the Eleventh district made serious charges against those who procured the nomination of D. C. Edwards by the bolting delegates. He alleges that three Federal office holders, two of them residing in other districts, adopted extreme methods to secure the selection of Mr. Edwards. The allegations are supported by other supporters of Dr. W. Godfrey Hunter, who alleges that Collector Joseph A. Craft, of the Fifth district, Steve G. Sharp, of the Seventh district, Marshal of the Eastern district, and District Attorney J. H. Tinsley, of the Eastern district of Kentucky, United States Court, are the Federal office holders who offended.

The charge is made that Messrs. Craft, Tinsley and Sharp met in London on the night before the burial of the late Vincent J. Boring and arranged to have Edwards succeed him. Mr. Parker claims that outrageous methods were employed to secure instructions for Edwards. He says Dr. Hunter is the choice of the great majority of the voters.

"I am giving the facts to the people," said Mr. Parker, "because we Republicans have made so many charges against the Democrats and this has by far eclipsed anything our opponents have ever attempted."

Central City, Oct. 22.—Editor of the Louisville Times—Dear Sir: I am proud to say that I am one of the Republicans who condemn assassination and all who uphold it. I have always voted the Republican ticket in all national elections and nearly every State election. But this is one time when I will vote the straight Democratic ticket. I can't vote for any man or with any party who commits and upholds crime such as has brought sorrow and disgrace to our State as the Republican party is guilty of. Then, again, I can't vote for any man who is afraid to let the people know his convictions, as Mr. Belknap seems to be. Gov. Beckham has told the people that he knew Jett and White were guilty and if re-elected he would never pardon them, and asked Mr. Belknap to let the people know if he would pardon or would not pardon Powers and Howard; "also the Kentucky colony in Indiana." This he has refused to do. But he says they were convicted by perjured evidence and partisan juries and yet he doesn't know what he will do. If this be true and he believes they were convicted in the above manner and then would not pardon them he would not be fit to be Governor of any civilized country. The fact is he knows what he would do and everyone knows what he would do, but he is afraid to take a stand like a man. He is trying to deceive the people, but, thank God, he can't deceive me, for I have turned my back on assassination and its cowardly followers and will march side by side with the Democrats on the 31 of November to a victory of not less than 20,000. Yours truly,

Thos. E. Thurman.

The Boyd County Democrat says: The opponents of Judge Kinner are trying to make capital out of the condition of the Boyd county docket. It is true that it is behind, but nothing like the aforesaid opponents would have you believe. And right here we want to remark that the jurors, litigants and court officers generally will bear witness to the fact that R. C. Burns has been one of the chief obstructions to the rapid dispatch of business in the court. Is Judge Kinner to be blamed because this docket is somewhat behind? Let us look the facts squarely in the

face and then decide. Until the creation of this, the Twentieth Judicial District in 1892, we had a Circuit and a Criminal Court to do the business now required of Judge Kinner, or in other words, he is now required to do the work heretofore allotted to two Judges. But that is not all, the Criminal Court was allowed eight weeks or forty-eight days per year in which to do the business of the Circuit Court. (See act 1879, Vol. 1 page 182.) Judge Kinner is allowed, to do the works of both of these courts, only nine weeks, or fifty-four days per year.

He has given up his vacations, and held special term after special term, for which he does not receive one cent extra pay, in order to catch up with the docket, and now has called a special term of twenty-seven days beginning on the 30th of next month. In view of these facts we submit that he is not responsible for the docket being behind. Does any one believe that Mr. Burns would more rapidly dispose of the business than Judge Kinner?

He Learned A Great Truth.

It is said of John Wesley that he once said to Mrs. Wesley: "Why do you tell that child the same thing over and over again?" "John Wesley, because once telling is not enough." It is the same reason that you are told again and again that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cures colds and grip; that it counteracts any tendency of the diseases to result in pneumonia, and that it is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by A. M. Hughes.

NEW PREMIUM OFFER.

Big Sandy News Will Distribute More Gifts Amongst Its Subscribers.

On Feb. 25th, 1904, we will distribute the following five premiums:

1. Lady's or Gent's Fine Watch and Chain.
2. Sewing Machine.
3. Latest Webster's International Dictionary, price \$12.50; or 15-vol. set Chas. Dickens' works, bound in cloth; or 12-vol. set Sir Walter Scott's Waverley novels.
4. One set each of Rogers Bros. silver knives, forks and tea spoons.
5. Fancy \$10 enameled iron clock, 8-day.

A number is given with each dollar paid on subscription between Aug. 24th and the date above mentioned. The decision as to the five persons who will receive the gifts will then be reached by the same plan that was used by the News in making the award of the fine gold watch last May. Pay up and take advantage of this opportunity to get something for nothing.

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Bronchitis For Twenty Years.

Mrs. Minerva Smith, of Danville, Ill., writes: "I had bronchitis for twenty years and never got relief until I used Foley's Honey and Tar which is a sure cure." Sold by Louisa Drug Co.

The Federal National Bank of Pittsburg closed its doors, and was placed in the hands of a receiver. Officers of the bank say the failure was due to the combined assaults of shareholders and depositors. It is believed no other financial concerns in Pittsburg are affected by the failure.

Samuel E. Morse, editor of the Indianapolis Sentinel and one of the leading politicians of Indiana, fell from a three-story window and was killed.

New Star Route Rules.

Only Local People Now Eligible to Bid. Box Delivery and Collection Established.

The Postmaster General is now advertising for bids for all star routes in Kentucky. There are 15 in Lawrence county.

Under the rules of the Department, bidders and contractors must live on or near the route and are required to perform the service or give it personal supervision, thus ruling out speculation bidders and bidding as heretofore.

Box delivery and collection of mail on every route is established. Anyone living along a route who puts a box on the roadside so that carrier need not leave his horse or wagon, and files a written request with the postmaster, may have his mail delivered and collected free of charge. Bids for routes must be made and filed with the second Assistant Postmaster General, office Washington, D. C., not later than Dec. 1st, 1903. Decisions of awards announced on or before Feb. 1st, 1904. Contract-term is for four years, beginning July 1st, 1904.

Postmasters have blanks and can give full information relative to bidding and rules governing the service.

List of routes in Lawrence county.

- Buchanan to Huletts.
- Blaine to Flat Gap.
- Skaggs to Martha.
- Blaine to Webbville.
- Ratcliff to Webbville.
- Davisville to Wilbur.
- Blaine to Georges Creek.
- Vessie to Denton.
- Yorkville, W. Va., to Gallup.
- Blaine to Louisa.
- Owie to Louisa.
- Mattie to Adams.
- Tuscola to Louisa.
- Estep to Rush.
- Ivory to Buysville.
- Overda to Webbville.
- Ketarah to Potter.
- Lunda to Blaine.

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is the one that will cleanse the system, set the liver to action, remove the bile, clear the complexion, cure headache and leave a good taste in the mouth. The famous little pills for doing such work pleasantly and effectively are DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Bob Moore of Lafayette, Ind., says: "All other pills I have used gripe and sicken, while DeWitt's Little Early Risers are simply perfect." Sold by Louisa Drug Co., Dr. J. D. Biggs Mgr.

On the farms are the most hopeful generation of boys of which the world has knowledge. They are the very seed corn of the nation. From them will be recruited not only the successors of their fathers as managers of the farms and breeders of the stock of this great nation but future captains of industry, mighty merchants and talents for the legislature, the boards of trade and all the duties of statesmanship. The fathers of these boys will make a great mistake, however, to teach them that they must leave the farm in order to succeed.

Never Ask Advice.

When you have a cough or cold don't ask what is good for it and get some medicine with little or merit and perhaps dangerous. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar, the greatest throat and lung remedy, it cures coughs and colds quickly. Sold by Louisa Drug Co.

It is reported that the directors and officials of the United States Steel Corporation have decided to reduce expenses all along the line, and will cut the salaries of about 1,750 officials. Several of the company's mills will be shut down and the output will be considered reduced.

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Senator Morgan will introduce a resolution on the Isthmian canal question at the extra session of Congress. He will endeavor to show that the Panama route is beyond consideration.

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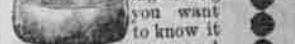
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